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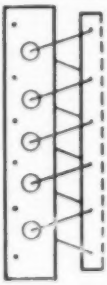

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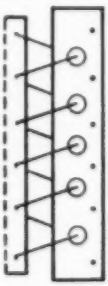

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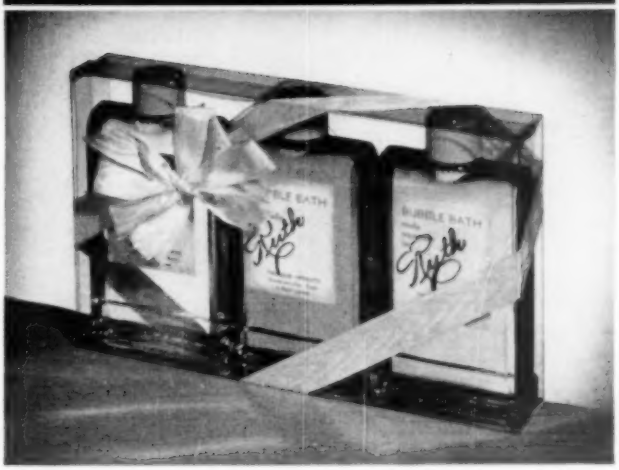

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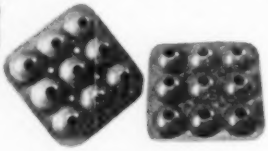

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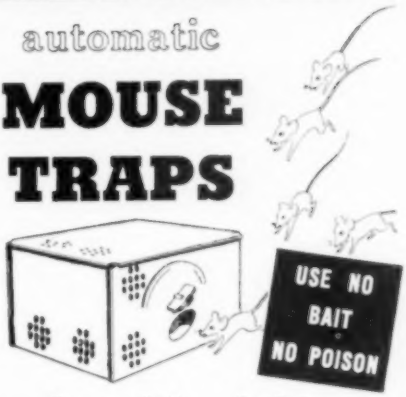

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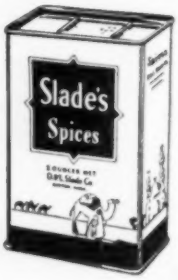

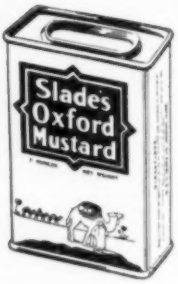

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1 1/3 cups flour
2/3 cup bolted cornmeal
3 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup maple syrup
1/2 cup melted shortening
2 eggs slightly beaten

Sift the dry ingredients, add the syrup, shortening and the eggs. Stir until well mixed, but do not beat. Turn into greased pans and bake for 25 minutes in a hot oven—425° F.

Maple Sauce
(To use for topping ice cream, cake or puddings)

1 cup maple syrup
1/2 cup marshmallow cream

Combine the maple syrup and the marshmallow cream. Beat with a hand beater until thoroughly mixed. This recipe makes about 1 1/2 cups.

Maple Sugar Grahams

2 T. butter
1/3 cup grated maple sugar
6 large graham crackers
1/2 cup chopped nutmeats

Blend the butter with the maple sugar. Spread on the crackers and sprinkle with the chopped nuts and bake in a moderate oven for about 10 minutes.

Maple Syrup Beans

1 quart cooked beans
1 cup maple syrup
1/4 cup catsup
Salt and pepper
1/2 pound ham

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Add
¼ teaspoon soda dissolved in 3 tablespoons hot water. Blend all together, adding ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
Chill
Dough in a covered bowl until firm
Add
More sifted flour to roll out, but not one speck more than is necessary
Roll
About ⅛ inch thick (or less)
Cut
In large rounds about 3 inches across
In center of half
The rounds, place a THIN chocolate peppermint patty about 1½ inches across. Place another round on top and press edges of top round down firm. Press 1 pecan meat half in center of top
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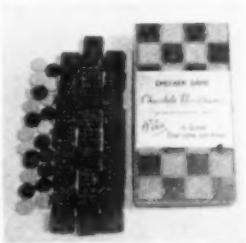

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NAT'L BD., Mar. 14, Waldorf-Astoria, N. Y. C. 10 to 4.

CLEVELAND, Mar. 1, Cleveland Sorosis, 2040 E. 100th St.; Hostess, Mrs. James F. Riddle; Speaker, Mrs. Oscar E. Staaf, "Newport, R. I."

ANN ARBOR, Mar. 2, "Roger Williams, a Modern of the 17th Century," Mr. Robert Benaway Brown, Curator of Books, Clements Library, Meeting in Clements Library; Hostess, Miss Emma Gay Goodrich.

MONTCLAIR, Mar. 2, "The Historic Hudson," Mrs. Gordon Wightman.

ELIZABETH, Mar. 6, Speaker, William C. Haskell of N. Y. Herald Tribune; Hostess, Mrs. Daniel R. Wylie.

PHYLLIS LYMAN, Mar. 7.

BROOKLYN, Mar. 9, Social Meeting, Bklyn. Woman's Club, 114 Pierrepont St., 2 P. M.

BUFFALO, Mar. 9, Book Review.

SYRACUSE, Mar. 9, Home of Mrs. Hurst V. Boyd, 872 Ackerman Ave., 2 P. M. Business Meeting. Chairman, Mrs. William W. G. Peck; Speaker, Mrs. Henry W. Blackburn. Subject: "Lighthouses of Maine." Chairman of Hostesses, Mrs. Charles M. Saltsman.

PITTSBURGH, Mar. 13, All Day Sewing, Parish House, Church of Redeemer. Hostess, Mrs. Frank A. Wesley.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 14, Reciprocity Day and Birthday-Luncheon 12:30 P. M., Colonial Inn. Program in charge of Mrs. Charles W. Partridge.

PASADENA, Mar. 17, New Eng. Arts and Crafts. Mrs. Frank P. Walton, "Journey Among the South Sea Islands Thirty-Five Years Ago." Mrs. Elizabeth Seeley, Hostess; Chairman, Mrs. Arthur S. King.

PASSAIC, Mar. 17, Yankee Goes West. Hostess: Mrs. M. M. Weed, 44 Ridge Avenue.

SUFFOLK COUNTY, Mar. 17, Misses Madeline and Emily Badetty, Annual Meeting—Birds of New England, Rev. Robert E. Luccock.

ROCHESTER, Mar. 18, Annual Meeting, Election Directors, Annual Reports. "Ceramics," by Mrs. Clifford Haynr. Hostess, Mrs. Burt C. Rowley.

ROCKFORD, Mar. 20, "Oh, You Beautiful Dolls." Hostess, Mrs. E. W. Engstrom. "My Doll Hobby." Mrs. Frank Dunning.

GROSSE POINTE, Mar. 21, 12 o'clock, Home of Mrs. Olle William Shannon. Election of Officers and Directors. Election of Delegates to Nat'l Congress. Speaker, Mrs. Lloyd DeWitt Smith, "From the Files of the Historian General." Hostess, Mrs. J. Cullen Kennedy.

RUTHERFORD, Mar. 21, Hostess, Mrs. Remington F. Rose; Travel Talk, Mrs. Harold Rose.

COLONY OF THE ORANGES, Mar. 22, 12:30 P. M., Luncheon, "Bambergers." Program: "Planting for Perfumes." Speaker, Mrs. Russell A. Shirrefs.

ALBANY, Mar. 23, Family Night, Covered Dish Supper, Skit.

TOLEDO, Mar. 23, Hostess, Mrs. Brown; Special Feature, Mrs. Eastell; Program, Early School of Philosophy, Mrs. Jones.

BRONXVILLE, Mar. 27, Hostess, Mrs. Chester M. Clark; "New England Farms Past and Future," Helen F. Swan.

GLENS FALLS, Mar. 28, "America in the Making"—Patriotic Pageant, Pupils of Beatrice Bannon; Appointment of Nominating Committee; Hostess, Mrs. King Hutchinson.

NEW HAVEN, Mar. 28, West Haven Congregational Church; Speaker, Miss Harriet Anderson; Subject: "Books."

WORCESTER, Mar. 28, 2:30 P. M., Home of Mrs. Celia E. Bennett; Speaker, Mrs. John Dudley, Sutton, Mass.; Subject, Costumes. Hostess, Mrs. Andrew G. Aldrin.

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⅛ tsp. salt.

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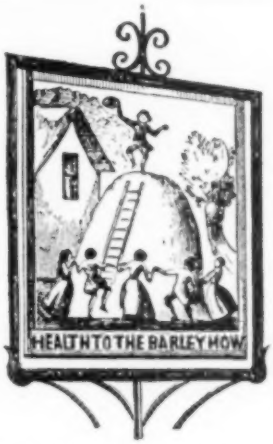

"Stop, brave boys, and quench your thirst;
If you won't drink, your horses murst."

Although skiing goes on into April, and even in the high places into May, March is the last big month for most of the spots. And here are the dates to remember:

Certainly for sheer length of title, this one, to be held March 4th and 5th in Franconia, N. H. takes the marblecake—The 17th Annual Ski Club Hochgebirge Team Race, Men's Open Downhill, Slalom and Combined Race, Women's Downhill, Slalom and Combined Race, Veteran's Downhill, Slalom and Combined Race! You can hardly *say* it in two days!

The White Mountain Jumping, Cross Country and Combined Tournament (open) is also March 4th and 5th, in Berlin, N. H. Stowe Derby, March 5th, Stowe, Vt. Western Massachusetts Winter Sports Council Junior Ski Day, Deerfield, Mass., on March 5th, and Junior Downhill, Goffstown, N. H., same day.

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Golden Skis Downhill and Slalom, Andover, Me., March 12th, and the Webber Cup and Willis Plate Races, Pinkham Notch, N. H., March 25th and 26th. And that just about wraps up March, boys and girls.

Now with a forward look to summer, which will be upon us before we know it, here are some odds and ends—odd facts and ends of pleasant journeys, we hope . . .

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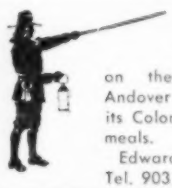

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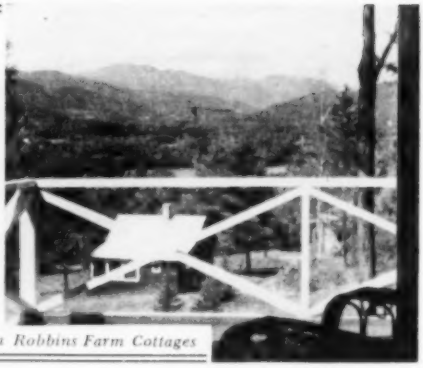

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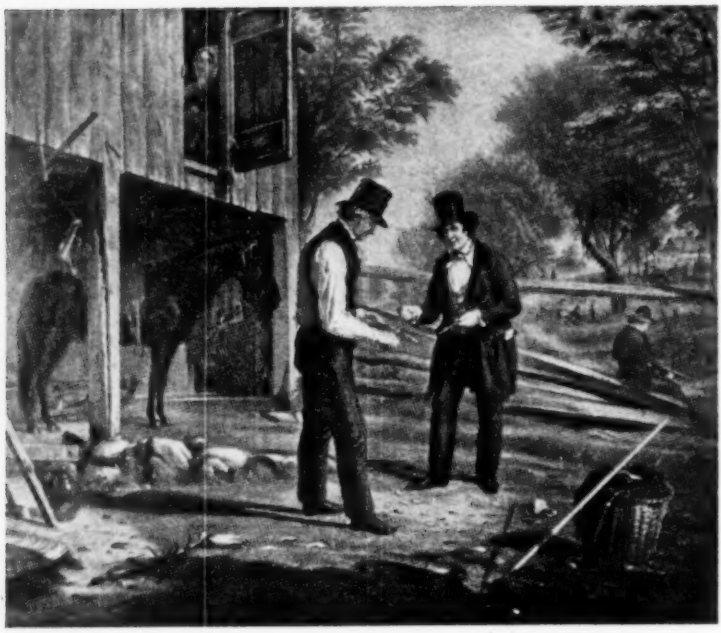

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Window in New England

For some days now we've greeted visitors at the YANKEE office with a photo, asking them to guess what it was. While they looked it over, we kept up a mesmeric patter: "First of its kind! The heart of the Milky Way, close-up, telescopic lens at Palomar, secrets of the universe revealed! See, the camera aimed slantwise over the moon, then out into the star clusters! Lookit those blazing suns!"

Et cetera. You can see the picture itself across the center fold of this issue. The real story is this: YANKEE'S R. S. took it Jan. 8, at 10 A. M. at Dublin Lake, N. H., facing the sun. It was shot at 1/500 with yellow filter on Super X film with Rolleiflex camera, developed for 5 minutes in Dektone, printed with lens at F22 for 10 minutes. Temperature at scene was below zero, and a northwest gale was blowing. If any expert in optics can explain the photo, we'll print his comment. It seems to us one of the most remarkable pictures of all time. The photo on THIS page is the original, a section of which was enlarged when the multiple suns were discovered.

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Did we ever mention that the Gov't's Magazine Liaison Section every now and then requests permission to "distribute in the occupied areas for translation and possible republication in local periodicals" things we've printed? Such a one was the essay, "Men That Split Like Atoms," by John Parke of Putney, Vt. (August 1949). Another was "Art Is Fun," by Elizabeth Wirt (Martha W. Davis, Salisbury, Conn.), and "Stenciled Walls & Parson's Cupboards," by Maudie M. Martin. Come to think of it, the two latter pieces were in that August issue, too. Take a bow, J. P., M. W. D., and M. M. M.

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We have a weakness for journals and letters, and are not at all in agreement with editors who fear that the art of letter writing is dead, or that journalizing is extinct. We feel reasonably certain that the mails are teeming with single-spaced typewritten letters, many pages long, all the time; and that notebooks are filling daily with journal notes and meditations, from Ogunquit to San Francisco.

Nothing stirs up one's own journalizing more than reading someone's else journal. Intermittance should not discourage one—a long gap in a journal is as significant as a luxuriance of entries. For journalizing (or even neglect of it) tells you what you have been about, why you've been about it, for the past decade or so, and where you now tend.

As one reads the old journals and the men and days stir again like frozen men in the legends, one is thrilled to be so close to them, and frozen oneself with incredulous wonder and loss as their

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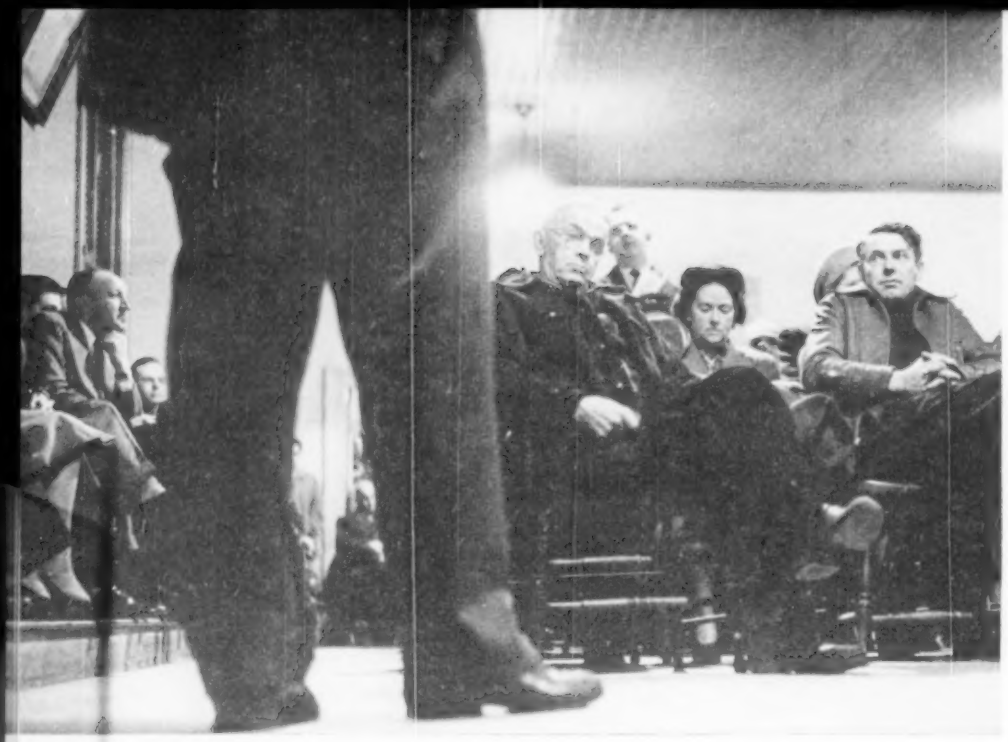

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THE HANDY MAN OF MAINE

Town managers make snow, bury cats, chase pigeons, buy bloomers—oh yes, and manage towns. But government is, after all—or should be—as human as the neighborliness of fellowmen.

by DAVID GRAHAM

I was talking to the town manager of Norway, Me. He had just mentioned his most difficult assignment. "What!" I said, "you mean they expected you to bring on a *snowstorm*?"

Up to then, I gathered, he had been getting along all right. He had improved town services, slashed expenses, reduced the debt, buried an old maid's cat, and routed a flock of marauding pigeons. Then came the winter carnival, featuring Norway's famous snowshoe race. Contestants arrived promptly. Spectators poured into town. All that held off was the snow.

The town manager rose to the emergency. He called out the town trucks and covered Main Street with about a foot of sawdust. And it worked beautifully. The race was run off and snowless Norway retained its title of snowshoe capital of New England.

Maine is crazy about town managers, and has more town (and city) managers than any state and more women managers than all the other states put together. Maine taxpayers admire a person who can do anything, and like to have such a person work for them. Managers in most Maine towns do everything and anything. That is how the council-manager plan has been sold to more than 100 communities of shrewd, tight-fisted, down-to-earth Yankees. Why have a lot of semi-professionals messing around when you can hire one expert to do the whole job?

The life of a town manager, consequently, is hard but interesting. As the manager of one oversized village explained, "The manager may have to jump down a sewer, shin up a telephone pole and balance a set of books before lunch."

I never saw a more preoccupied manager than in a little town I visited in the White Mountains. His eyes were red, his cheeks unshaven, his suit as rumpled. I figured he had been up all night.

His problem was pretty obvious—roller skates. There were roller skates in pairs, roller skates in cartons, roller skates all over the floor, roller skates piled to the ceiling.

"You must like to skate," I said.

The manager gave me a wan smile.

"Tell me about it," I said, giving him a sympathetic pat.

Gratefully he began to talk. To bring in some money, he explained, he had rented out the town hall as a skating rink. There had been some gay old times in the town hall, kids and happy couples sailing around night after night, cheeks flushed, skirts and scarfs flying, hearts singing. But when it came time for him to pay the rent, the rink's impresario had departed, leaving in lieu of payment some 200 pairs of roller skates.

"I've got to think of something to do," the town manager muttered. "The summer people left a month ago, the local mill isn't doing much and we need money. What would *you* do?" But the interviewer was already tiptoeing out.

In addition to taking over the administrative duties of the selectmen, the average Maine town manager serves as tax collector, treasurer, road commissioner and overseer of the poor. Being a woman—Maine had four women managers—is no release from any of these duties. The manager of Vassalboro—petite, soft-spoken, doll-like Miss Timothy—serves in all these capacities and as town constable besides.

To qualify for the University of Maine's bachelor's degree in Public Management (Town Manager Option) a student must "satisfy all the requirements of the college in English, sciences, foreign languages, etc., and complete such subjects

as drafting, mathematics, surveying, statistics and accounting" together with "studies in American national government, state and local government, municipal government and administration."

After which the would-be town manager has to buckle down and really work. He must take "elementary and advanced highway engineering, sanitary engineering, public finance, public administration, constitutional law, personnel management, etc." And finally he must put in three months and satisfactory interneship in the office of a town manager. Only then is he ready to go look for a job and begin learning.

The importance of the practical side of town management hit me one snowy afternoon while I was visiting in a manager's office. In a fine scholarly way we were discussing the common law basis for parking meters. The discussion had circled back through Colonial Law and English Common Law, and we were about to crack Roman Law when the manager's phone rang.

"Yes, Mrs. Dow," the manager said. "Slippery, you say? . . . very slippery? . . . some sand? Of course, Mrs. Dow, I think you're absolutely right—it *is* dangerous.

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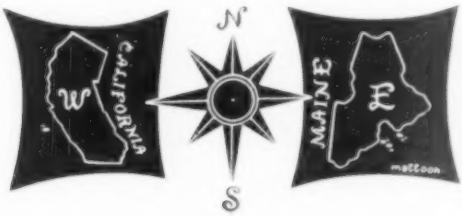

Rev. Cleveland's article describes a scene beneath a Connecticut elm in summer; the above, New Hampshire birches in winter, at the Dublin home of Joseph Lindon Smith, painter-Egyptologist. But the columns and trees remind one of the quotation, "The groves were God's first temples" —which is in the spirit of this Yankee minister's story.

"I Pronounce Thee—"

by Rev. Philip Jerome Cleveland

Weddings are the bright spots in my ministry. Among some three hundred weddings performed two stand out among the rest, striking, lucid, commanding. I think of these two weddings as the Highway Wedding and the Tavern Wedding.

A young couple wished to be married in the Westminster Hill Church, here in Canterbury, Conn., in the third oldest Congregational Church in the county. I had warned the young folks to swear out their marriage license in Canterbury, so they might be married here. They had mistaken directions and had procured the license in Norwich, where the bride lived.

Only a few minutes before the wedding service, when I gazed at the license, did I notice the mistake.

"You can't be married here in Canterbury," I told the bride and groom. They were stunned.

"But we are all here," stammered the bride. Yes, the cars and the whole wedding party had descended onto the spacious, emerald church lawn.

"You must be married in the town where you procure the marriage license," I further said. "It is the law."

"What shall we do?" wailed bride and groom, their parents in a state of consternation, best man and bridesmaid confused.

"You can return to the church to have the marriage blessed, but you must be married in Norwich."

"Where?" thy cried.

"Where you live," I said to the bride.

She only roomed in Norwich; her parents lived in another city. Did neither bride nor groom have friends living in Norwich? Well, here was a wedding all set to go—and no place to go! After aimless discussion I ordered the wedding party into the automobiles. "We will cross the town line and I will marry you in some shady nook. Time is wasting."

Bride and groom stared at each other, then the pretty, brunette bride smiled and wrapped her arm around the groom.

A convoy of gayly decked cars roared along the eastern Connecticut highway some eight miles and to a great, towering elm tree beside the highway. There was a large space beneath the elm, ample for the entire company. The sun haloed the handsome, colorful tree. I drove off the road and parked the car. The others followed.

Under the towering elm—handsome as a cathedral column—and in a cleared spot surrounded by grasses, ferns, flowers, the bride and groom took their stand, best man, bridesmaid, fathers, mothers, relatives and friends. More colorful than the wild flowers were the gayly clad people.

Cars began to stop as I, a preacher in black, stood beneath the elm and intoned the wedding service. Boys and girls were in swimming beyond the highway. There was a sudden shy movement, growing in courage, and little fellows in bathing trunks and girls in pretty bathing suits, soon ventured near and created an exterior wall for the crowd.

Other autos whirred by and birds caroled in the emerald-shimmering trees, the children ventured closer, and sun and shade created beautiful forms on the turf. One recalled a young man and woman in an ancient Paradise and the words: "It is not good for man to be alone."

It was an exquisite moment, the bride holding the arm of the groom, her white wedding gown beautifully aureoled by a golden pool of sunshine, a summer wind adding musical notes in the diapasoning branches, a tree canopying nature's platform, the rich, blue ceiling of heaven overhead. The strange children, edging closer, their eyes agog with wonder, autoists pausing by the road, adding walls of gleaming metal to the farther reaches of the crowd—all seemed very beautiful, to be decent and in order.

We returned to the Church for the blessing and final prayer and benediction. But that service beneath the proud, God-grown Elm Tree will always be one of the weddings I shall never forget.

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The second wedding occurred during war time. The 1938 hurricane had smashed my former church in Brooklyn, Conn., and for years the Congregational Society of Connecticut could not find me a church. Hundreds of churches were damaged, ruined, wiped out by the hurricane. To exist I planned, started, edited, circulated a weekly newspaper. For five years I had only occasional opportunities to preach.

One afternoon, ready to bring a load of newspapers to Danielson, there was a phone call.

"Bring your wedding book over with you today, Reverend, we have a job for you." It was a call from the Blank Grill. I knew the proprietor and his wife and slipped my Pulpit and Parish Manual into my coat pocket.

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Sarah Orne Jewett

HOME TOWN GIRL

An appreciation of Sarah Orne Jewett, Yankee to the marrow, who lived and loved (and wrote) in her home town.

The Jewett Home, So. Berwick, Me.

by BURTON W. TRAFTON, JR.

Sarah Orne Jewett was born September 3rd, 1849, in one of the four-posted beds of the old mansion on the square at South Berwick, Maine.

This was the home of her grandfather, Captain Theodore Furber Jewett, who carried on an extensive shipping business bringing sea-tanned sailors and shipmasters with their yarn of ocean adventure, and bronzed lumbermen and farmers with talk reflecting life in the back country, into the world of Sarah's childhood.

Her memories of her grandfather and the people he brought to her—of stories he told of his own daring on the sea which had been his life; of his capture during the Embargo of the War of 1812 by the British and imprisonment on the famous Dartmoor; of his adventures as shipowner and merchant; and of his four wives—left a lasting impression on the mind of his sensitive child.

Yet she had told us many times in her writings that it was her learned father, the noted Dr. Jewett, a second Theodore, to whom she owed the understanding which enabled her to write realistic, charming, and wholly quiet descriptions of Maine people and the Maine landscape. Descriptions which, in the years ahead, were to move Willa Cather into dedicating one of her novels "To the memory of Sarah Orne Jewett, in whose beautiful and delicate work there is the perfection that endures."

Dr. Jewett knew the ways of the human heart as he did its anatomy, and since his daughter was never well enough to be confined for any length of time in a schoolroom she had many opportunities to be with him whose translations of the human emotions were warm and sober or light and gay, but always strikingly beautiful.

Through these visits, Sarah came to know these patients of her father's in the mansions along the tidewater at the "Lower Landing" and in the tiny farmhouses at "Emery's Bridge," and "Old Fields." She came to know the fishermen in their cottages along the coast at Wells and York as her father did, and, prob-

ably, with even deeper sensitivity, and insight, and affection.

Sarah was yet a child when the Berwick she loved began to change. The great ships no longer came to this too far inland port from the distant corners of the world. Every load of great virgin pine that went by the Jewett house gate stirred the Berwick dust within her until she choked with sorrow at the passing of the deep forests. The dooryard fences were being removed and the quaint gardens they enclosed were being sowed to lawn.

"People do not know what they lose when they make away with the reserve, the separateness, the sanctity of the front yard of their grandmothers," she later wrote.[1]

The New England she loved was passing. Every change tore her deeply. She lived more and more in her imagination —reflections of the memories she cherished. Sometimes she put these imaginings down, either in prose or in verse. Soon, under an assumed name of "Alice Eliot"—for no one but her sister Mary must ever learn of her boldness—she sent some of her sketches to various children's magazine.

Each story Sarah wrote seemed to unfold new beauty in her skill. She did a series for the *Atlantic* about a Maine village and an old house, not unlike her own. William Dean Howells, the editor, did not spare his praise. Under Mr. Howell's urging she rewrote those that had been appearing over a period of more than two years, and in the spring of 1877 "Deephaven" came out as a little brown book with golden cat-tails embossed on the cover. Compliments poured in, but this letter she prized most:

"Dear Friend,

I must thank thee for thy admirable book 'Deephaven'. I have given several copies to friends, all of whom appreciate it highly, and I have just been reading it over for the *third* time. I know of nothing better in our literature of the kind, though it recalls Miss Mitford's 'Our Village' and 'The Chronicles of Carlingford'. I heartily congratulate thee on thy complete success and am

Very truly thy friend

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER."[2]

This recognition of her work gave her great pleasure. Then, in the midst of all this happiness, as great a sorrow as she was capable of knowing was to be hers. In the summer of 1878 she wrote desperately to an old friend:

"My dear father died suddenly yesterday at the mountains. It is an awful blow to me. I know you will ask God to help me bear it. I don't know how I can live without him. It is so hard for us. Yours lovingly, Sarah."[3]

One must know Miss Jewett only superficially to sense the tremendous emotional upheaval which her father's death occasioned in her. Though her mother was to live for 15 more years she could never take Dr. Jewett's place. It was he that she loved better than life itself. It was he who had cloaked her in a world so

1. "From a Mournful Villager," *Atlantic Monthly*, Nov. 1881.

2. Francis Otto Matthieson, "Sarah Orne Jewett"; Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1929.

3. Ibid.

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Annie Fields (Mrs. James T. Fields) who became Sarah Orne Jewett's friend and companion.

"The droghte of Marche hath perced to the rote . . ."

—GEOFFREY CHAUCER

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filled with beautiful things that it was real only to herself. It was her father who, sympathizing with her in her long childish illnesses, had kept her out of school and taken her on long drives through the countryside. It was he who had inherited the big mansion on the square, and it was because of him that she had had grandfathers and grand-uncles and aunts for best playmates. It was he who bore the brunt of every storm that had come into Sarah's life, and now she was as alone as though there was no one else in the world—or, even worse, a kind of people seemed to be populating the old town whom she could not understand . . . people who tore down their dooryard fences, having little use for the sanctity and privacy they had afforded.

Suddenly the world was new and strange, and Sarah must turn more and more to her imagination which was fast becoming the world she knew best.

She often found herself sitting up late and reading the notations he had made on the margins of his medical journals. She could not bring herself to part with his old book and papers. Nearly five years after his death—when she was well past thirty—she wrote: "Today is father's birthday . . . I wonder if I am doing all the things he wished I would do, and I hope he does not get tired of me."

The poet Whittier once asked, "Sarah, was thee ever in love?" She laughed and said, "No, whatever made you think of that?" And the Quaker poet said, "No, I thought not." And this was probably true. Sarah had never thought of marriage, perhaps because she saw it as standing between her and what she most wanted from life, and because she might have felt, unconsciously, that marriage would be a kind of disloyalty to her father. In "The Country Doctor" she had Dr. Leslie say of his adopted daughter: "You may think it is too early to decide, but I see plainly that Nan is not the sort of girl who will be likely to marry. Nan's feeling toward her boy-playmate is exactly the same as towards the girls she knows . . ." But the tender warmth of her affection needed an outlet.

In 1881, just as she had gathered some of her sketches to be published in book form under the title "Country By-Ways" and dedicated it with a touching tribute to her father, her friend Annie Fields was left alone by the sudden death of her husband, the noted publisher, James T. Fields.

Sarah Jewett and Annie Fields soon became constant companions; or, when they were apart constant notes of love told what each was doing and what they must

Sarah Orne Jewett in her later years.

look forward to as soon as they were together again.

> "I wonder if your pine boughs smell as sweet as mine tonight? Also I wonder if it is going to rain! . . . Now, dear, I have at last, after much grumbling and groaning, got my next two numbers of the 'Marsh Island' ready for the printer . . . I begin to feel dreadfully confused about Christmas now that the story is off my mind for a little while, but we shall soon talk about things, shan't we? . . . Does Sandpiper[4] play with you, or has she married a ghost? . . . Did you see the interview with 'thy friend'[5] and the remark that the best parlor was stiff and prim? I think that was quite an unnecessary comment, but a very observing interviewer, ladies . . . Oh! the garden is so splendid! I never dreamed of so many hollyhocks in a double row and all my own!"[6]

4. "Sandpiper" was her pet name for Celia Thaxter, the poetess. Mrs. Fields has commented that Miss Jewett never put her dolls away or got over her pet names, which is significant of her personality.

5. Whittier.

6. Annie Fields, "Letters of Sarah Orne Jewett," Houghton Mifflin, 1911.

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The General Assembly of the United Nations.

A SELECTMAN *Looks at* WORLD AFFAIRS

The form of town government under which we in New England uniquely live was brought into world focus about a year ago when Lester Pearson, delegate from Canada, described the United Nations General Assembly as our "Depressing Town Meeting of the World." Evan Hill, former New England weekly newspaper editor, neatly returned the favor by reporting a town meeting as "Disgustingly like some sessions of the United Nations."

Whether or not one regards this exchange as one of bouquets or bricks, it is difficult to reject the idea that world government *is* being thought of in simple town government terms. This, in itself indicates a major advance has been made towards world peace.

Even metaphorically, however, there is still a long road ahead. For, in examining the form of the U. N. in the light of town government, one finds as many violent contrasts as one does striking parallels. Among the former, are the towns' powers to make and enforce law. These are powers the U. N. does not have. From the brilliant sunny peace under law in our little towns, one passes into the ominous shadow of this fearsome rest between wars in the world of nations.

Nevertheless, it does not require unmitigated optimism to understand how this "town meeting of the world," once supplied with true governmental powers, might be transformed from the discussion platform or Town Meeting of the Air it now is into a strong and vital body along the lines of the New England Town Meeting.

The present form of the United Nations, with its core of the General Assembly, Security Council, and International Court of Justice—and its "artichoke" leaves of Councils, Secretariats, Commissions, and Specialised Agencies—is familiar to all. But the New England town meeting form, some centuries older, is perhaps not as well known. Only six states have it, and these only in rural districts.

A New England Town Meeting. "Backed by law and long custom, the New England towns have brought to the world the definition and meaning of peace."

Briefly, what happens is that the townspeople meet once a year (usually on the second Tuesday in March) and, by majority vote, determine which services during the ensuing year the town government will perform and who will consummate them.

Funds, for example, will be needed to assure the residents of an adequate and healthy water supply. A sum of money will be raised for testing the water and a water commissioner will be elected or appointed to carry out the testing.

A considerable number of town officers thus annually appear in the Town Report—Measurers of Wood and Bark, Hogreave, Custodian of Trust Funds, Keeper of the Town Pound, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Fence Viewer, Constable, Superintendent of the Cemetery. The years, and custom, have decreased the importance of some of these officers but not that of the Selectmen, affectionately known in some towns as the Town Fathers. These various officers administer and enforce the state and town laws. It is government they operate, not a debating society or forum.

Many New England Selectmen have served their towns for 20 or more consecutive years. They run to type only in respect to the burdensome effect of the town's daily chores and complaints and to the knowledge, gained early in office, that whatever they say will be held against them. Board meetings can scarcely be called conversation pieces. Carey Walbridge, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in Peterborough, N. H., will tell you that world affairs has never been discussed by his board. Nevertheless, it is in the observance of these Selectmen at their daily tasks that one begins to understand the peace the U. N. so desires.

One of their first duties after Town Meeting is the evaluation of town property, and the determination of taxes. This means that every farm, filling station, sawmill, store, summer residence, two-legged and four-legged creature has to be seen or known about. This takes about a month, fair weather and foul, of walking around and writing names and figures in a book. But all is not routine. There are always encounters with dogs that bite, and charging bulls, and once in a while a fairly difficult assignment will intervene.

For example, one man's deed in a town we know about reads that his land extends as far up Mount Monadnock "as a cow can walk." Now three or four miles up a mountainside on a cold snowy March day in drifts at times up to one's waist is quite a walk for three elderly Selectmen. You will find a stake up there some place, however, which marks the

Walking the boundaries is an old Yankee custom.

boundary. It is likely the stake marks the line beyond which no taxable timber will grow rather than the peregrinations of a cow. Yet that boundary is fixed and is considered permanent.

Years ago there was an argument about it. The irate land owner paid a call upon the Selectmen and demanded a lower assessment. He was invited to accompany the Town Fathers the following spring on their annual visit to the boundary line. He failed to appear at the agreed time and apparently has agreed ever since that the line had better stay where it was and is.

That part of peace, then, which comes from having settled and agreed upon boundaries takes form in a New England town from a service performed pursuant to law by the duly elected representatives of the people. To walk up a mountainside in the bitter cold and drive in a stake is in strong contrast with, let us say, the wordy suggestions which were rendered by the U. N. in the Greek border dispute.

Assessing also involves inspection. Come Spring in New England, just at assessing time, and you will find that more than snow disappears. There was a time when assessing dates in New Hampshire differed from those in Massachusetts. So, cattle owners in the latter frequently drove their herds of cattle (you could have seen them for miles along our roads) into New Hampshire's mountain pastures, only to drive them back again when the Massachusetts assessing was done and over.

Nowadays, one local farmer tethers the first cow in his barn so close to the siding that the Selectmen have to squeeze between its rear end and the boards to get to see the rest of the livestock. The cow does not enjoy this procedure any more than do the Selectmen. There is a considerable amount of mooing, kicking, and swishing on her part, mixed in with the oats, tobacco juice, and leap frogging on theirs. The Selectmen do go by this cow every year, though, because one year they found another man's horse was in the far stall.

"But Seth Phillips told us he didn't have any horse this year," they told the cattle owner. "This horse is taxed to you, eh?"

"Oh no gentlemen," was the quick reply. "That's Seth Phillips' horse all right. He's just boardin' it down here for a spell, that's all."

Seth Phillips paid the tax on his horse. The Selectmen saw to that. The fact that he did is an illustration of how inspection is another strong peace sinew in town government. It is conceivable the U. N. might some day assess and tax armament plants. The necessary inspection services would certainly reveal—just as town inspection does—much that shouldn't be and expose it if for nothing else than revenue, which a secretly arming state could ill afford to pay.

The fighting of fires, taking care of displaced persons, transportation—these and many more similar activities on the part of the Town Fathers under the direction of the voters at Town Meeting represent the strong and tried sinews of town peace. Similarly, the numerous world services which the U. N. might readily delegate to its duly elected officers can form the muscles which will make world peace.

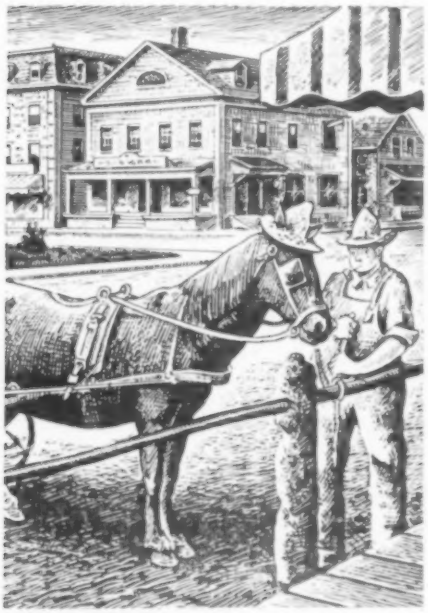
The U. N. unfortunately has somehow placed the cart before the horse. People look to it for the elimination of trouble spots. But the essential element of legal authority, such as our towns have, is not there to make these settlements. The U. N. form has no active peace muscles because it does not embody any true governmental authority.

If, for instance, in any present dispute

area, the world were committed by world law to the commissioning of various services with which the cold war was interfering, that commitment might well become grounds for Uncle Sam and Uncle Jo to have to move their arguments elsewhere. Again, the transfer of food surpluses from lands of plenty to areas of famine might readily become a world service mandate to the U. N. delegates. In the carrying out of such a service, warfare in some country could hardly be allowed to interfere with the feeding of families in that country. Armies and planes in the way? Yes, but on call first by those in world meeting who had voted that world services, pursuant to world law, came first; growling national defense chiefs second.

The U. N. charter is heavily worded with regard to the maintenance of peace and security. Hardly any of the articles bespeak of anything except lip services to the world society. Only recommendations can be made, only temporary aid given, and these only when there happens to be full agreement among the members.

With the backing of town meetings and town law, our towns have sent soldiers to the Revolution, built roads, developed grist mills and water power—even fixed the prices of goods and labor. Without law, our town charters are just as feeble wisps of direction as those of the U. N. The articles of incorporation under which any such town services could have been authorized contain but one short sentence, namely: that the town was to be "conducive to the general good of the Province, as well as of the inhabitants in particular, by maintaining good order and encouraging culture of the land." Yet, backed by law and long custom, the New England towns have brought to the world the definition and meaning of peace.



We often hear it said nowadays that there is no hope for the U. N. There is the claim that the cleavage between Russia and ourselves is too great. Our town governments have faced and overcome many such cleavages.

If the U. N. charter can be amended to confer certain limited powers of true government upon it, (and there is a bill before Congress to accomplish our part of it) numerous other parallels immediately become apparent. A New England town makes provision for the care of its poor and hungry. It has health officers who see that the town sewage does not pollute the wells, and that contagious disease is isolated by quarantine. One finds analogies to these in the provision, during the year 1948, by the U. N. of some four and a half million daily meals for expectant mothers and undernourished children; the U. N.'s testing of 50,000,000 children for tuberculosis and the inoculation of 15,000,000 against it. Additional tendons of world peace ready to be activated by law, are the U. N. World Health Organization, the U. N. Universal Postal Union, the U. N. International Refuge Commission, and others.

These are the kinds of services, when the U. N. has enough of them and is able to back them up by law, which will make us realize we do have the beginnings of a world government similar in many respects to that of the New England towns. World peace—the activated strong sinuous services performed by eventual world government—will then be ours forever, or, as our Town Fathers expressed it when they were granting the toll rights to the wooden bridges across the Connecticut River, for as long as "trees do grow and water runs downhill."

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entries end and the back covers of the books fall slowly over, finis. At the end of the commonplace day, one by one these ladies and gentlemen drew up their papers, and there in the loneliness of the skull thought words that trailed from left to right, left to right, while outside it rained or snowed, or did neither, and the major task of the day—whether for bread only or meaningful, lay where it was stacked for tomorrow.

A day is lost when all facets of it have been no more than casually remarked and passed by; for mark you, if you merely halt for a moment and stare at anything, as Millet would for hours at a wagon wheel, you have made it yours, you have stopped time and brought space to terms. Squirrel Nutkin peers again from the tree's hollow. Cezanne strolls over the field toward the mists and down to the now-magical village. Plato paces under the elms with you. Emerson takes your arm, even though he felt it an impertinence to take Thoreau's—and the great god Pan awaits you on the hillside, where without the slightest doubt he has hidden milk and honey in the crotch of an apple-tree.

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Speaking of Emerson, we've been reading his and Thomas Carlyle's Letters, borrowed from our local library. Out of the Letters rises the unfailingly kindly Emerson, doing everything possible for Carlyle to make him known in America, arranging the publication of T. C.'s books, and faithfully rendering careful accounts—although R. W. E. or anyone could have pirated any of Carlyle's works (and some did). Emerson even financed paper, printing, etc., of the early editions and asked only a return of his actual expense from the publisher.

Along with this tireless service—practically all their adult lives—Emerson sent Carlyle bright, loving messages of courage, and bore his own tragedies with an archangel's fortitude. And intermixed, always, in his letters, were gems of general thought.

Carlyle on the other hand growled over his ailing, harped self-centeredly about his editions and prospects, and gave Emerson really very little of what R. W. E. thirsted for—an interchange of minds. It is hard to see why Emerson thought he was getting such an interchange—Carlyle got the stimulus, in the impression of this reader. Archangel and curmudgeon—certainly, as men, R. W. E. was the taller spirit.

There is a debt The Window should pay off. Aurelie Dumont, Nashua, N. H., did the table decorations for Maudie Martin's Christmas Homes department, and should've been so credited.

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Couple of issues ago we announced the merging of the Window and Books. This issue—they're apart again. Any questions?

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"Do you poll your readers to see what they want to read?" asks an earnest letter-writer. We don't, and in our refusal to do so we run counter to the profound scientific wisdom (?) of many vastly successful magazines. Some of these can tell you what readers like, and the order of their preference. We can't—and we don't propose to try to find out by polling 'em. A foolhardy attitude, in this mighty age of polling, surveys, tabulations, correlations and brain machines? Maybe. But the idea of polling readers seem like an awfully far-away, coldish approach to people's hearts, especially when your desk is in a farmhouse like YANKEE'S, and village neighbors are in and out all day. Poll THEM? Never, as long as we keep our firm belief in human dignity and infinite variability. There are more things in heaven and earth than science—or, as the late essayist William Bolitho wrote,

> "... at a certain frontier Bacon's territory ends; Shakespeare's begins. Beyond Einstein lies the land of Blake. Further on than Freud you must turn to Plato and Goethe."*

"What a pity," our good colleagues of the outer publishing world will say. "Such a nice little magazine, and so obviously doomed." But (if we may whisper in your ear)—funny thing—YANKEE just keeps growing, and fast. As one of its recent promotion pieces said truly: "YANKEE has bust its britches." Tie that, you poll cats.

—R. M.

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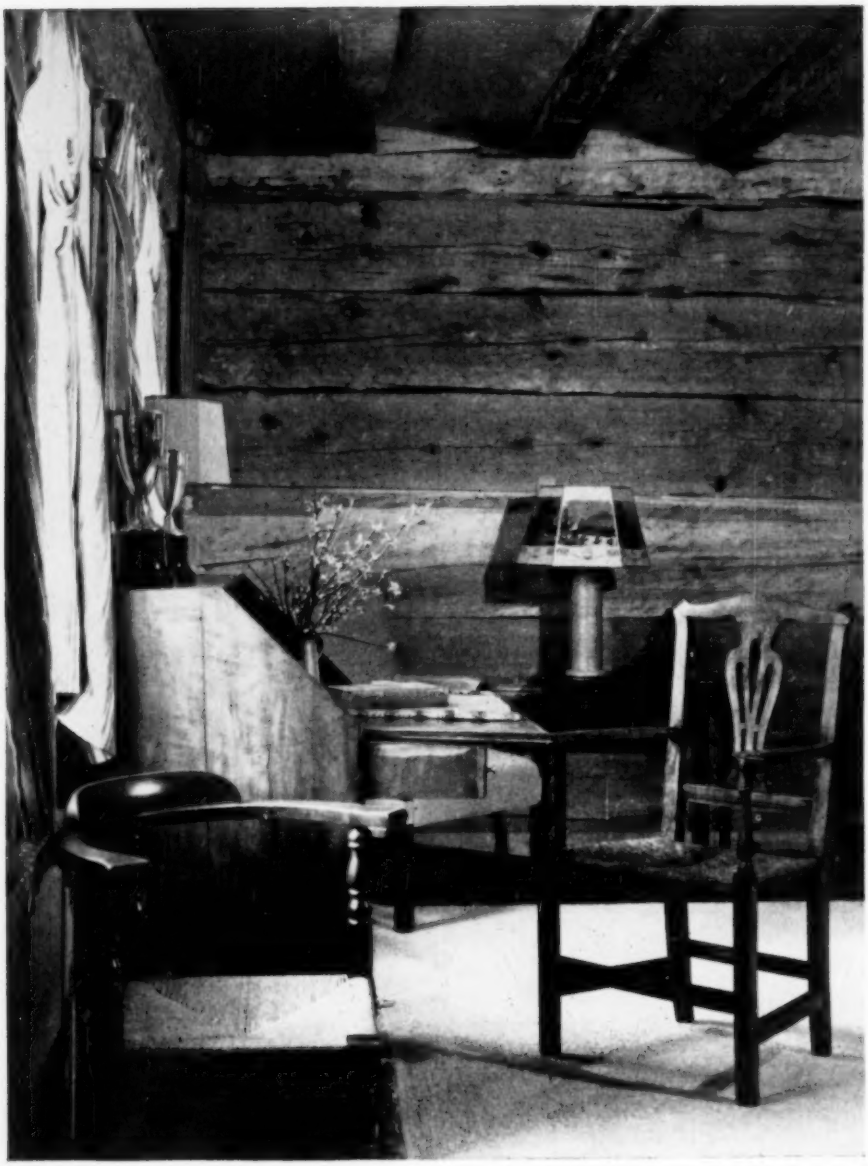

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View of Dennett living room, looking from the hallway. Same desk appears at right of the picture on the opposite page.

Fireplace wall of Dennett living room, showing the unusually fine paneling for an old farmhouse. Note double mantel, and long cupboard left of fireplace.

Salt and Spindrift

by MAUDIE M. MARTIN

The old Dennett house stands sidewise, far back from the road, on the farm bought by John Dennett I in 1698 from one Christian Remick. The house was built sometime between 1700 and 1710 by John Dennett for his son John II. Today after 240 years, the house is still lived in and owned by a Dennett. On a wall in the study hangs the original deed dated May 2, 1698. It is a lengthy one, elaborating assurances to the purchaser, and these facts are revealed in it:

The territory was at that time known as Massachusetts Bay. It was the 10th year of the reign of William III of England, Scotland, France and Ireland. John Dennett, or Dennet, was a carpenter who had removed from nearby Portsmouth, and was evidently a skilled and hardworking man, for he paid 100 pounds for the property on which then stood one dwelling, a garden and an orchard.

John Dennet I had come from England in 1668 and had immediately settled in Portsmouth, a prosperous seaport, where his skill at carpentry would be in high demand. He helped in the building of many of the great Portsmouth mansions.

The lower-storey walls of the house are of solid hand-hewn eight-inch-thick hemlock logs, set on end, dovetailed at the corners and toenailed together. The logshouse construction of the lower part of the house gives rise to the theory that it was built as a garrison for protection

The dining room's great hearth. Plaster covers paneling. Note odd construction of inner part of fireplace. This room was the old kitchen.

from Indian attacks, and according to Stackpole, "In 1720 it was ordered that garrisons or places of refuge should be erected at the residence of the following persons: John Dennet . . ." The house was built just at the end of the Indian raids.

The present generation of Dennetts to occupy the house are Lieut. Commander Ralph E. Dennett, U. S. N. (Ret.) and his son. Commander Dennett was born in another house on the Dennett land. When he returned to the house recently it was badly dilapidated as it had been let to tenants for the past 50 years. A thorough reconditioning job was done.

The house is 30 x 40 feet in its general plan, containing eight rooms and an ell for the kitchen and back stairway. During reconstruction when ceilings were torn down and plaster removed to reveal the original paneling, hundreds of ancient corncobs and driftings of sand fell onto the floors. In the old days sand was used in Maine to scrub the floors and the corncobs had been carried through the walls and partitions of the house by rodents from the one-time storage place in the eastern part of the upper story. At that time this part of the house was not partitioned but used for spinning and weaving and for the storage of the farm's corn.

Commander Dennett has made no structural changes within the house, it

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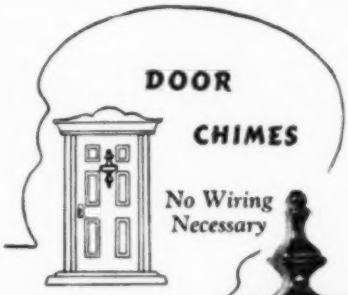

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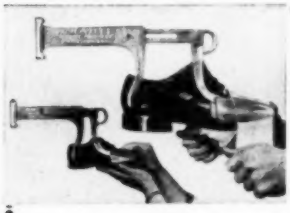

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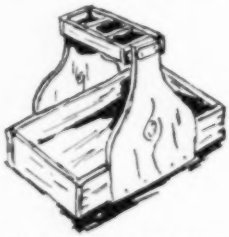

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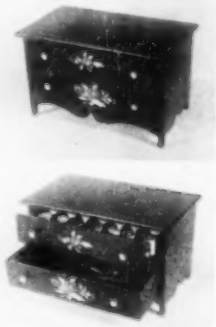
The banister of the sharply curving stairway in the small center entryway is unusually handsome for an early farmhouse, as is the paneling in the "parlor," or present living room. To the right of the hallway lies the old kitchen with its tremendous hearth (one can stand in it behind the overmantle). This room is the dining room now and beyond it lies the kitchen in an ell. Left of the hallway is the living room with its handsome panelled fireplace wall and cruder constructions-paneling on its two outer walls. This room has an unusual double mantle over the chimney opening and a long and narrow floor cupboard quite unlike the



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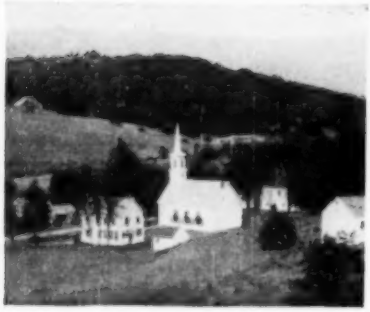

more common Parson's cupboards. In both rooms the ceilings are open beamed.

Back of the parlor was a small back bedroom which is now a study with pine boards exposed. Upstairs are four bedrooms, the one directly over the living room has a fireplace.

Man-fashion as well as Navy-fashion, Commander Dennett has furnished his beautiful little house sparingly and cleanly—it gives a most refreshing effect of spaciousness and light. The whole house is shipshape and, whether intentional or not, this simplicity and lack of feminine clutter emphasizes the construction of the house. It plays up the house itself, its workmanship, lines, fine wood. It leaves you with a nice feeling—as clean and savoury as the salt air which drifts in from the nearby Piscataqua River.

HANDY MAN OF MAINE

(Continued from page 31)

I'll get the sand truck up there right away. Oh no trouble at all, Mrs. Dow, that's what we're here for." We got no further with the *theory* of local government.

About taxes. Taxes are the town manager's chief concern—the collection and consumption of taxes. Taxes pay the manager's salary and make the wheels go around. When a town can't collect, the machinery of government halts.

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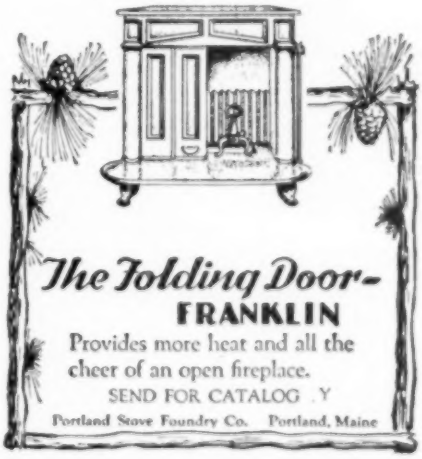

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Every town manager therefore has to cultivate an imperturbable defense against the outraged taxpayer. The outraged taxpayer has as respected a position in New England society as the expectant mother. The town manager has to be ready for him at all times.

Even-tempered Anna Schools, who has managed the town of Littleton for five years, never worries about getting slugged and has developed a nice, relaxed attitude. When asked if the taxpayers weren't always getting in her hair, she replied: "Oh a lot of people come in and howl about taxes, but I just tell 'em to go see the assessors and that's all there is to it."

More cagey and conciliatory is the attitude of a male member of the profession who manages a nearby town. "When citizens come in to see me, I always try to *give* 'em something—even if it's only a form to fill out or five minutes of my time. Often that's all they want—somebody to talk to."

Naturally the town manager has to weather all sorts of personal animosities, mainly from (1) those he has deprived of a job and their relatives and (2) people the manager inevitably offends by doing his work efficiently and cutting out graft.

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It is easy, too, for the manager to get caught in the middle between local enemies and cliques. For example: one winter morning a manager got a telephone call from a fellow living way off on a back road. "Say," this fellow said earnestly, "the road's awful slick out our way—can't you give us some sand?"

The manager, new and eager to oblige, sent his sand truck out. Half an hour later he got a call from another fellow on the same road. "What in hell did you sand the road for? Damn it, I'm hauling out logs on a sled and now I can't do nothin'!" The call for the sand had been made to settle a neighborhood grudge.

Town managers are also purchasing agents. "Gorry, I've bought this town everything from bulldozers to bloomers," one manager said, "but I had to return the bloomers. The old girl we was takin' care of wanted black ones. She said the town ought to buy her what the other women was wearin'."

In the average Maine town the manager's hours are those of a country doctor. A penniless female stops in Mechanic Falls for the night and at 3 a. m. has a baby, the manager calling an ambulance, alerting the hospital, and guaranteeing the doctor his fee.

Or in a bad sleet storm the manager of Rumford supervises the plowing and sanding his roads from midnight to 5 a. m. "I like to stay with a storm," he says, "until we get it licked."

Fires have a similar claim on the town manager, as do criminals, local characters needing commitment to a hospital or an asylum, and writers who go around interviewing town managers regarding the town manager form of government.

So a town manager should be able to keep books, and be something of an engineer, lawyer, sociologist and especially a psychologist, and—oh yes, he should know how to frighten pigeons and bury cats, and it helps if he can make snow. In fact, if he's any good, he's a handy man to have around.

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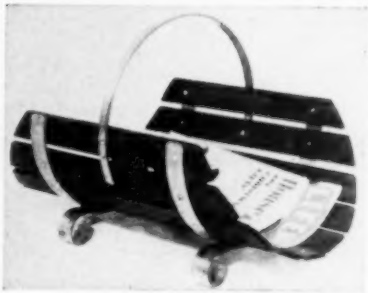

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SMALL BUSINESS

by Damon Ripley

(Yankee's Roving Reporter)

Sooner or later, we knew it would happen. We and some others we know consider the properly cooked wing of the chicken among the real pleasures of life. We haven't told anyone about this. When we are asked we feign indifference, saying, "Oh, give me anything at all, dark or light—but if nobody else wants the wing, I'll take that."

All the while it is really a matter of life and death that we have that wing—even if only we knew it. This age, however, in which we were dumped by our parents has been one of gradually seeing this and then that taken from us—and as the years progress, it is getting worse. Soon we'll be looking upon serfdom with envy! The latest is that the Daily Mills of Olean, N. Y., are touring the country in a wagon filled with white wingless chickens. Last December 2 and 3 it was at Herbert J. Fairbanks, 103 West 8th Ave., Gloversville, N. Y. In 1952, our vote will go, we promise, to the party what promises no wingless chickens in its full dinner pail.

Miss Elsie Adams is a handicapped worker of limited means. The State of Vermont has set her up with a machine to knit all-wool men's socks. She makes these in bottle green, navy, black, white, heather, light oxford, coffee, and wine colors and sells same for $2.00 per pair. Her address is Box 167, Rochester, Vt.

The Gremlins and others got a great kick out of that broken piece of type in the ad on page 19, January issue—but I am afraid that only the evil minded saw the humor of it.

Old-fashioned expressions and odd street names are always welcome additions to this column. Leon Spinney of Brunswick, Me., sends in the expression "it comes and goes like the old woman's soap." This derives from days when soap was made at home. Towards the end of the process, the soap was left to cool and thicken. If it didn't thicken, more materials had to

Trenton, N. J.'s Mrs. Marion Mooney sculpts soap at recent Women's International Exposition, N. Y. New England women are also active in this yearly exhibit of hand arts, sponsored by the Women's Nat'l Institute, 480 Lexington Ave., N. Y. C.

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be added and more boiling water. If it came too thick, it had to be thinned out. The worst of it was the darned stuff would sometimes appear to be both thick and thin. It would thicken, and then for no good reason get thin all by itself. Hence, the expression.

Adam Reinemund, 412 South 19th St., Omaha, Neb., writes me under his official title: The Farm Hand. Not a bad idea, Adam. I see no reason at all why you shouldn't rate the title. Your profession is one on which we all depend.

A road agent handed me a bit of literature written by Abel Cutting of the Sudbury Nurseries of Maynard (R. F. D.), Mass. It kicked around my car for a few weeks before I got to the point of tossing it away. One item caught my eye, however, as I tossed. Apparently, Cutting sells trees, and this item in his folder pertained to "Cercidiphyllum japonicum" or the Katsura Tree. Cutting remarks (by the way, that's no name for a tree man, is it?) in his folder that, "This is a fine tree. We cannot seem to raise it. Notes on your suggestions will be gratefully received." If such folders mark the begin-

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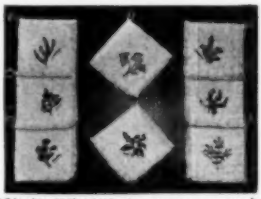

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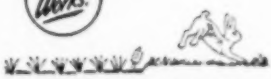

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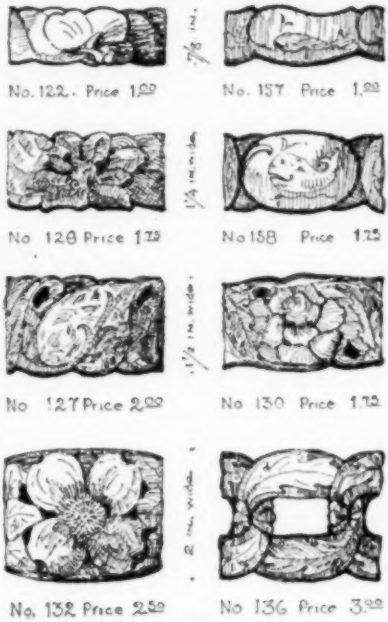
Tom & Emmie Kilcourse came from Springfield, Mass., two years ago to start life anew in Elkins, N. H. The couple like to work together as a team in their Pinecraft House Workshop producing What Nots, Sugar Scoops, Spoon Racks, Hutch Tables, Salt Boxes, Spice Chests, and other articles from antiqued pine. Elkins is on Pleasant Lake—not too far from little Lake Sunapee. Stop by and have a look when you are near there—or better still, drop them a line for their free folder. Nice people and they've done mighty well.



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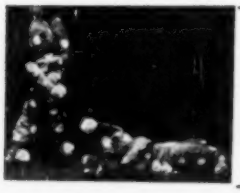

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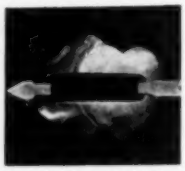

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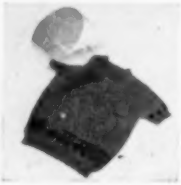

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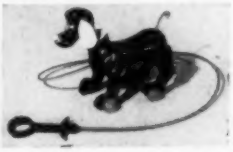

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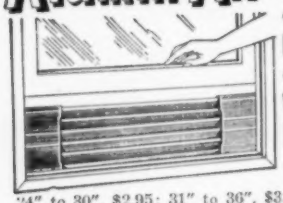

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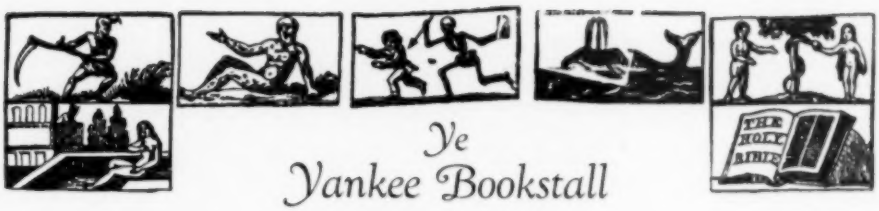

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"I PRONOUNCE THEE—"

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At seven-thirty I entered the Blank Grill, one side of the structure a restaurant, the other side a tavern, the large, rear room open from both sides—that is, restaurant and tavern.

Tables were decorated and gay streamers circled the room. A huge, white wedding bell dangled in the center of the room over the tables. The proprietor met me and pointed to the colorful display.

"All set to go?" he asked.

"Here?" I stammered. "Not here!"

"Sure."

The bride worked in the restaurant as a waitress. She only had a small room in a boarding house. The groom was a sailor from a far town. It was a sudden case of love and he had to return to his ship the next day. "They have the license, blood test and everything."

"But you don't want them married *here*, do you?" I continued. "Why not at your house?" I said to the proprietor.

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I could have invited them to have been married in my Brooklyn (Conn.) home except that their license was made out in Danielson. There was no possibility at this late moment of performing the ceremony in another place.

"Yes, I will marry you."

As we proceeded with the ceremony in the dimly lit back room a silence fell on the entire building. All service stopped in the restaurant. All clinking of glasses subsided at the bar, some seventy feet removed. The bartender stood motionless in his place.

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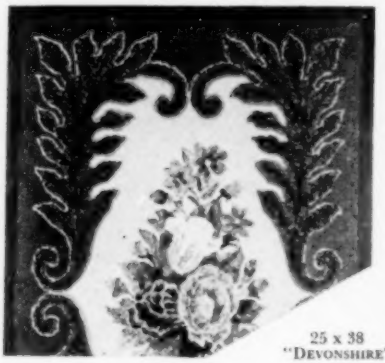

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In 1882 Miss Jewett and Mrs. Fields went to Europe and while there met Tennyson. She wrote after that visit: "No two men I have ever seen came up to Grant and Tennyon in GREATNESS. Tennyson first.[7] I must say that."

But it was South Berwick that Sarah loved, and to South Berwick she always returned. No sound stirred her as . . .

> . . . "the sound of all the river falls, almost always to be heard by day, when one stops to listen, and loudest and most jarring in the dead of the night to the wooden houses that vibrate to their constant notes." [8]

As the century drew to a close she saw her world folding and fainting and gasping for breath once again. Lowell, Whittier, and Holmes all died within a five-year period. "She felt each death keenly," says her biographer, Matthieson, "for they had been firm pillars, inspiring her with their strength and standing protectingly against uncertainty and chaos."[9]

7. This statement marks her as a child of her century. Annie Fields, "Letters of Sarah Orne Jewett."
8. "The Old Town of Berwick", *New England Magazine*, July 1894.
9. Francis O. Matthieson, "Sarah Orne Jewett."

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In 1896 Miss Jewett suddenly surpassed everything she had ever done, with the "Country of the Pointed Firs." William James wrote that it possessed "that uncommunicable cleanness of the salt air when one leaves town." Kipling said, "It's immense—it is the very life." Annie Trumbull Slossom, herself a New England writer, penned meaningfully, "I'm dreadfully old, but I am young again as I read your story, and I want to thank you for doing and being all this I recognize."[11]

When Rebecca West wrote her introduction to a 1937 collection of Miss Jewett's stories she observed: "It must be owned that she writes of a universe which has been unscrupulously emasculated, swept unnaturally clean of the male . . ."[12]

Then, one day, she wrote a labored letter to Thomas Bailey Aldrich:

> "Perhaps you haven't heard what sad days I have fallen upon—or rather that I fell upon too hard a road the first of last month. I was thrown out of a high wagon and hurt my head a good deal and concussioned my spine, so that I am still not very well mended, and have to stay in bed or lie down nearly all the time."

10. "New England Sees It Through"—1936 Essay Annual—Gladys Hasty Carroll, Scott, Foresman & Co., N. Y. Reprinted from Sat. Rev. of Lit., Nov. 1935.

11. F. O. Matthieson, "Sarah Orne Jewett."

12. Rebecca West, "Introduction," "The Only Rose and Other Tales"; London, Jonathan Cape, 1937.

She began to read once more. She made a trip now and again to Annie Fields', but she had to admit that it tired her and it was difficult to sit up for so long a journey.

Sarah Orne Jewett died at her home, June 24th, 1909. The little town where she lay dying was as hushed as a church steeple. The very air seemed reluctant to stir. The birds in her pointed firs were uncommonly still. Long, slim fingers of shade crept across the lawn from the picket fence, and the heart-shaped leaves of the dooryard lilacs wilted in the sun. The pulse of the town ceased to throb as friends both humble and great, from far and near, gathered quietly on.

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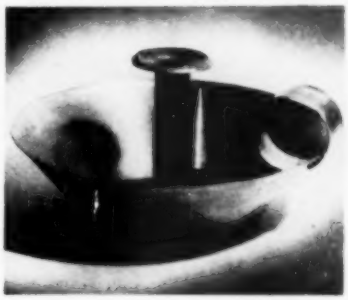

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